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Kur, the cursed barbarian, is hellbent on saving a woman and her child, much to the chagrin of the evil mind that inhabits Kur's unremovable helm. Despite unleashing Death Dealer and literally collapsing her civilization, he still enlisted the Sorceress to his cause. Because she knows what's truly at stake...

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ADMIRING MY
HANDIWORK?

WOULD
YOU LIKE
FOR ME TO
SILENCE YOU
AGAIN?

THE DAMAGE
IS DONE. THE LOOK
ON YOUR FACE IS
REWARD ENOUGH.



I COULD SIT
IN SILENCE AND
JOY FOR AN
ETERNITY.

THIS
IS MY FAULT.

NO. IT'S
MINE.



WE NEED TO GET MOVING. I NEED TO FIND MESH. THE BABY.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

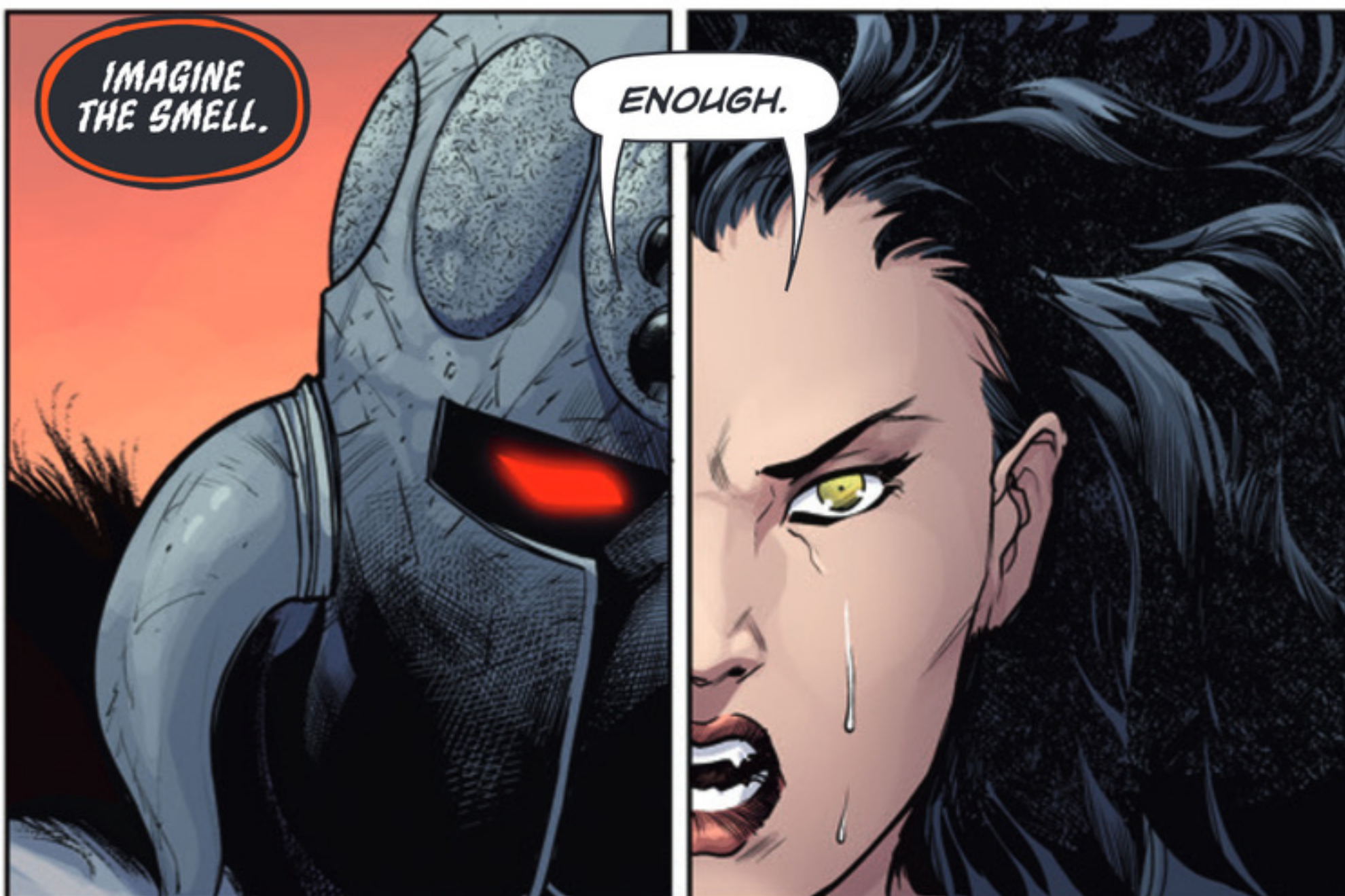
YES...?



I NURTURED THAT CITY FOR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED YEARS.

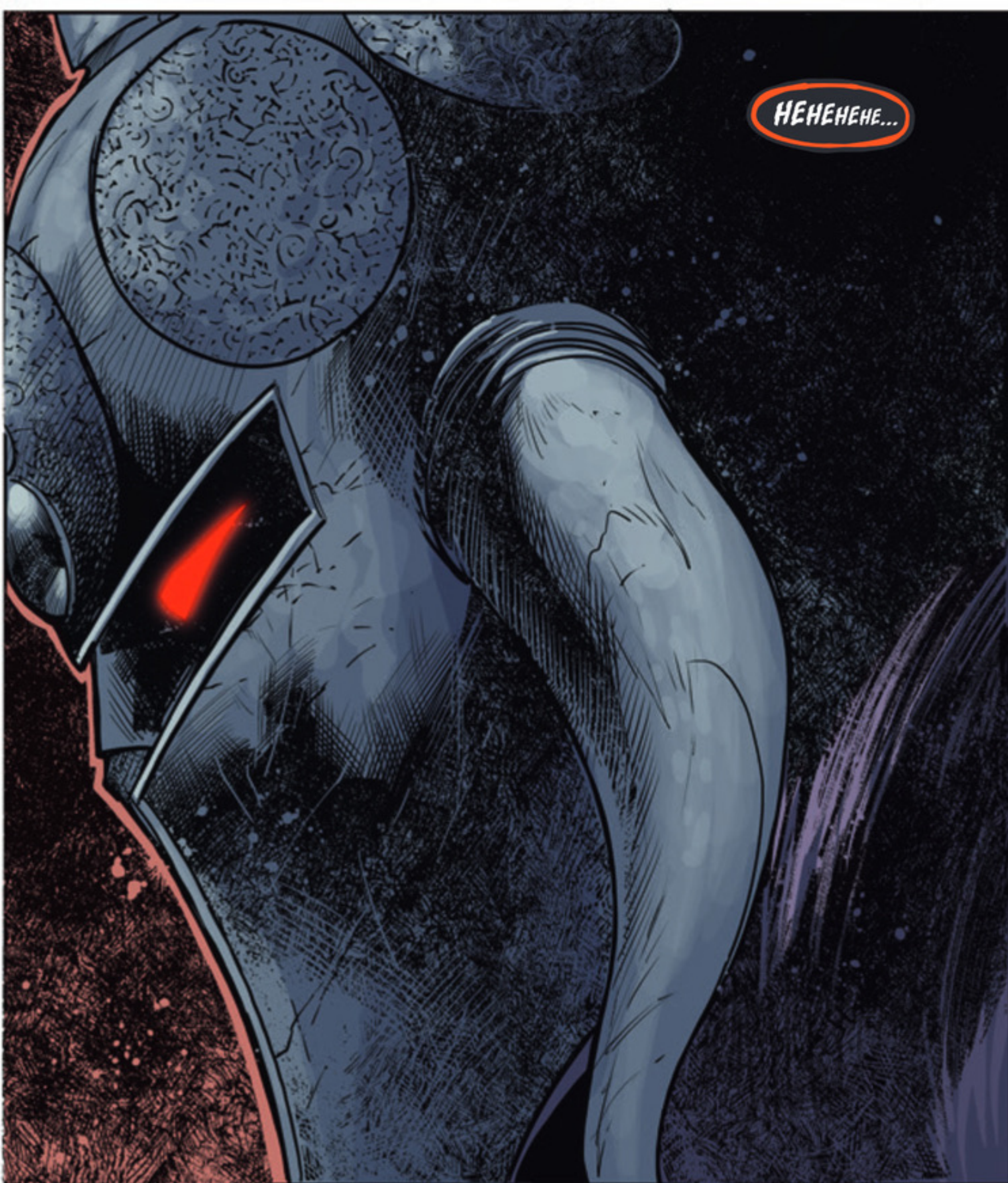
IT WAS A TEMPLE TO ALL THAT'S HOLY TO ME, EVERY SOUL AN ACOLYTE OF MINE.

AND THEY'RE DEAD. ROTTING MEAT IN THE DESERT SUN.



IMAGINE THE SMELL.

ENOUGH.



HEHEHEHE...



➤AHEM➤

I GAVE UP. SPENT
A LONG TIME TRYING TO
REMOVE MYSELF FROM
THE WORLD. THEN A
WOMAN AND HER CHILD
TOUCHED MY HEART.

THEY CURSED ME
WITH CARING AGAIN.
THE MOST PAINFUL
HEX OF ALL.

AND WHEN I
FOUND THEY
WERE TAKEN FROM
ME, ALL OF THAT
PAIN, THAT ANGUISH,
THAT DEEP WELL OF
NOTHING INSIDE ME
CAME BACK.

THE SAME
THING THAT
HAS HAPPENED
TO YOU.

YOU
MUST BE IN
SO MUCH PAIN.

MORE
THAN TEN
THOUSAND
SOULS...

AVENGE
EVERY LAST ONE
OF THEM. WE TURN
OUR PAIN INTO FURY.
LET US KILL EVERY-
ONE WHO MADE US
FEEL THIS WAY.

KUR--IT'S
TIME YOU
LEARN WHAT'S
GOING ON.





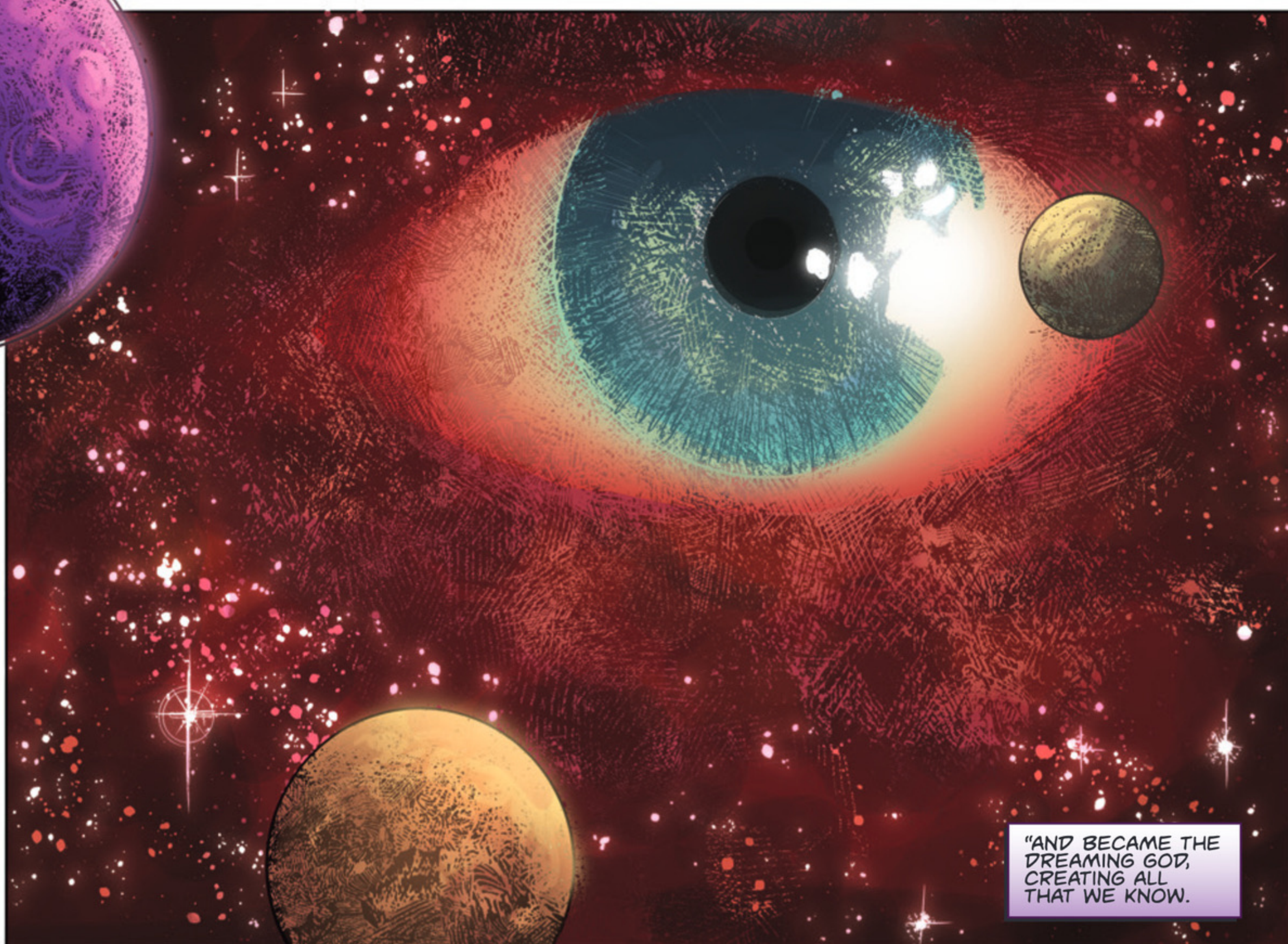
TO UNDERSTAND
WHAT WE ARE UP
AGAINST, WE MUST
BEGIN AT THE
BEGINNING.



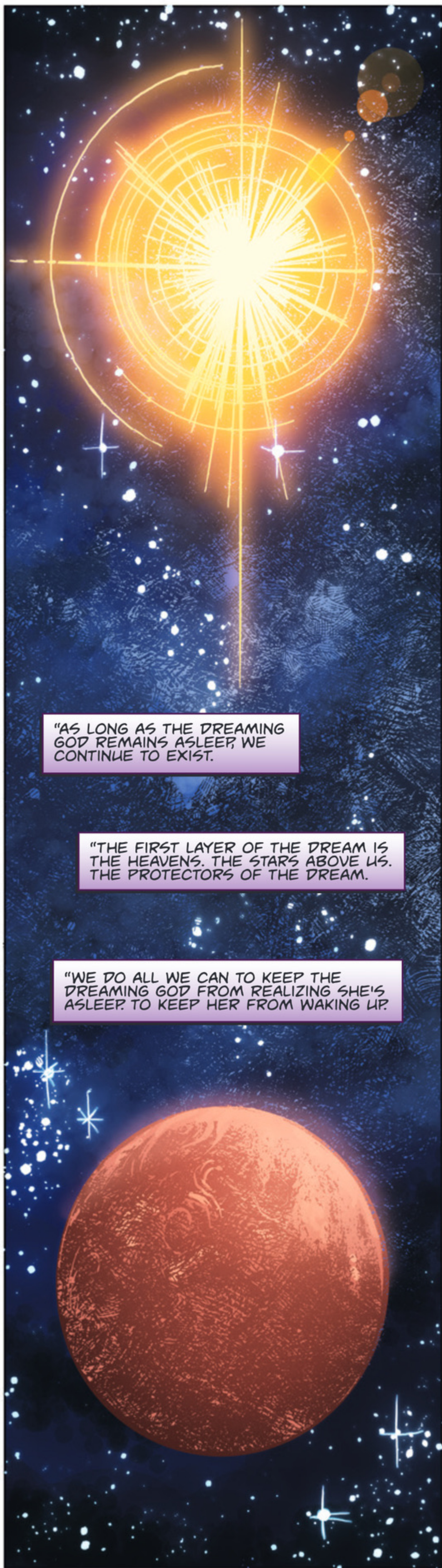
BEFORE OUR
UNIVERSE WAS
EVEN THE TWINKLE
OF A STAR, OR A
GLINT IN AN EYE,
THERE WAS THE
AWAKENED GOD.



"THE AWAKENED
GOD GREW TIRED,
SO SHE LAID
DOWN TO SLEEP.



"AND BECAME THE
DREAMING GOD,
CREATING ALL
THAT WE KNOW.



"AS LONG AS THE DREAMING GOD REMAINS ASLEEP, WE CONTINUE TO EXIST."

"THE FIRST LAYER OF THE DREAM IS THE HEAVENS. THE STARS ABOVE US. THE PROTECTORS OF THE DREAM."

"WE DO ALL WE CAN TO KEEP THE DREAMING GOD FROM REALIZING SHE'S ASLEEP. TO KEEP HER FROM WAKING UP."



"THIS REALM, THE DREAM REALM-- OR REALITY AS WE SEE IT--IS WHERE ALL THE FANTASIES OF THE DREAMING GOD PLAY OUT."

"SHE LIVES A BILLION LIVES AND EXPERIENCES A TRILLION STORIES."

"BELOW THE DREAMING REALM IS THE HELL REALM, WHICH IS SPLIT INTO TWO KINGDOMS. THE FIRE KINGDOM AND THE FROZEN KINGDOM."

"EACH KINGDOM HAS EIGHT LORDS OF HELL, ALL DETERMINED TO AWAKEN THE DREAMING GOD AND CREATE THE GREAT NOTHING."



"EACH LORD BELIEVES THEY ARE THE ONE TRUE GOD AND THAT BY ENDING THE DREAM, THEY WILL AWAKEN AS HER.

"THE BEAUTY OF THE TWO KINGDOM DESIGN IS THAT LIKE PUTTING ONE CRAB IN A BOWL, IT WILL CLIMB OUT, BUT PUTTING TWO CRABS IN, THEY WILL ALWAYS PREVENT THE OTHER FROM EMERGING. THOSE OF US AWAKE TO THIS TRUTH WEAR A CRAB EMBLEM.

"ALL OF THE REALMS THRIVE OFF OF DAK, OR MAGIC AS YOU KNOW AND DETEST. DAK IS THE EMOTIONAL RESONANCE OF THE DREAMING GOD, REVERBERATING THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS. BY CONNECTING WITH IT, WE CAN DISTORT REALITY AROUND US. BECAUSE AFTER ALL, EVERYONE IS GOD.

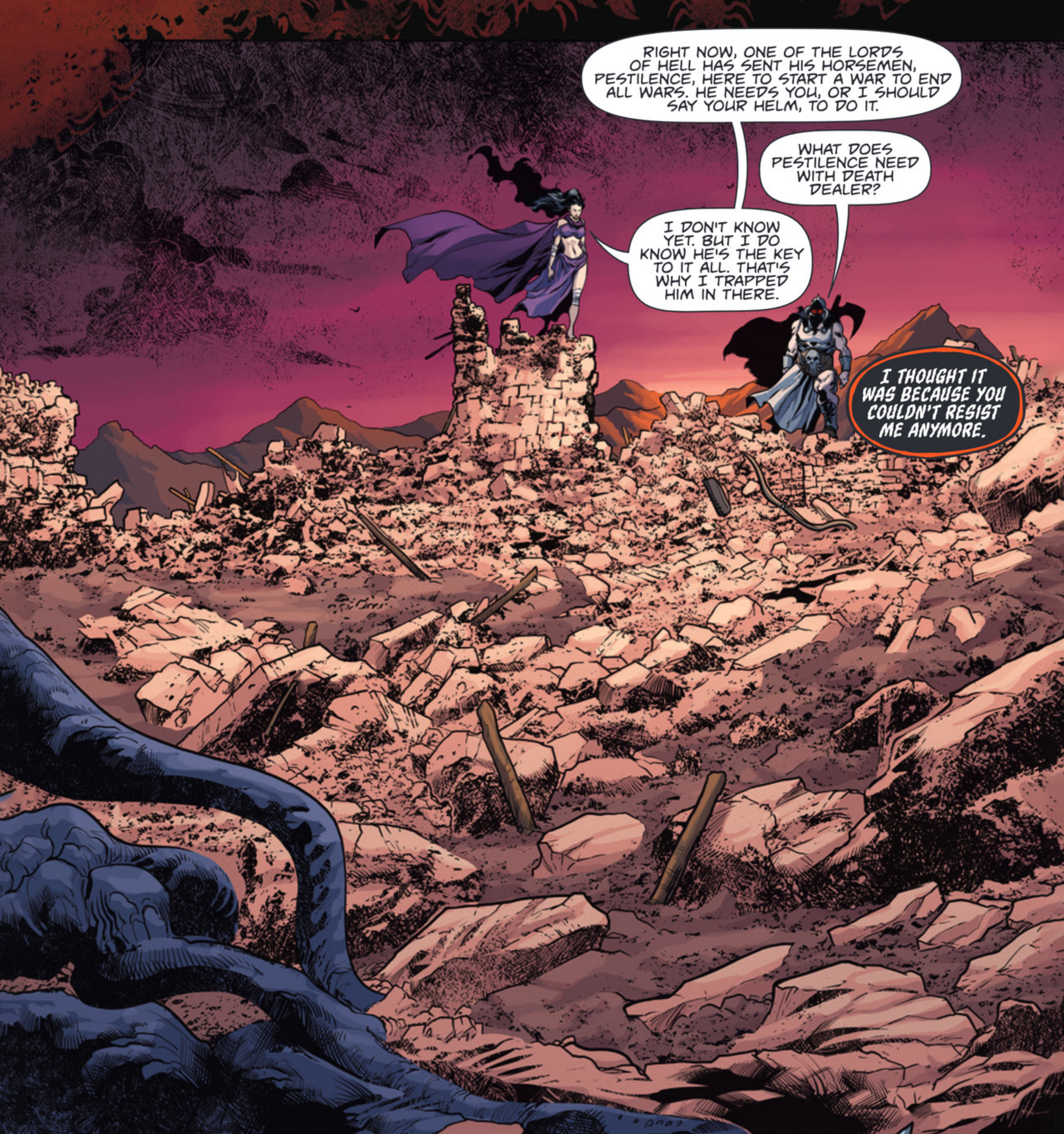
"ONLY WE'VE FORGOTTEN THAT WE ARE.

RIGHT NOW, ONE OF THE LORDS OF HELL HAS SENT HIS HORSEMEN, PESTILENCE, HERE TO START A WAR TO END ALL WARS. HE NEEDS YOU, OR I SHOULD SAY YOUR HELM, TO DO IT.

WHAT DOES PESTILENCE NEED WITH DEATH DEALER?

I DON'T KNOW YET. BUT I DO KNOW HE'S THE KEY TO IT ALL. THAT'S WHY I TRAPPED HIM IN THERE.

I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T RESIST ME ANYMORE.



YOU DISGUST ME.

NO, I EXCITE YOU. AND FOR YOUR KIND, THAT MAY AS WELL BE LOVE.

SO THERE'S A COSMIC WAR, AND I'M SOMEHOW WRAPPED UP IN IT, A HORSEMAN?







I'M SORRY. I WISH THAT
HELMET HADN'T DAMNED YOU FOR
ETERNITY. BUT IT HAS.

AND IF YOU DON'T
FACE THE MINIONS OF
HELL, REALITY AS WE KNOW
IT MAY BE DOOMED.

THEY WANT YOU.
BUT THEY DON'T NEED
YOU. THERE ARE MORE
HORSEMEN.

AND IF THEY LEARN TO
WORK TOGETHER, THEY WILL
GET OUT. AND THE UNIVERSE
WILL CEASE TO EXIST.

SO,
ARE YOU
IN?



IF I DO
THIS, IF I
ACCOMPANY YOU
ON THIS QUEST,
FACE THE HORSE-
MEN OF DISEASE,
AND BATTLE THE
REALMS OF
HELL--

WHEN IT'S
OVER, CAN
YOU DESTROY
THIS HELMET?

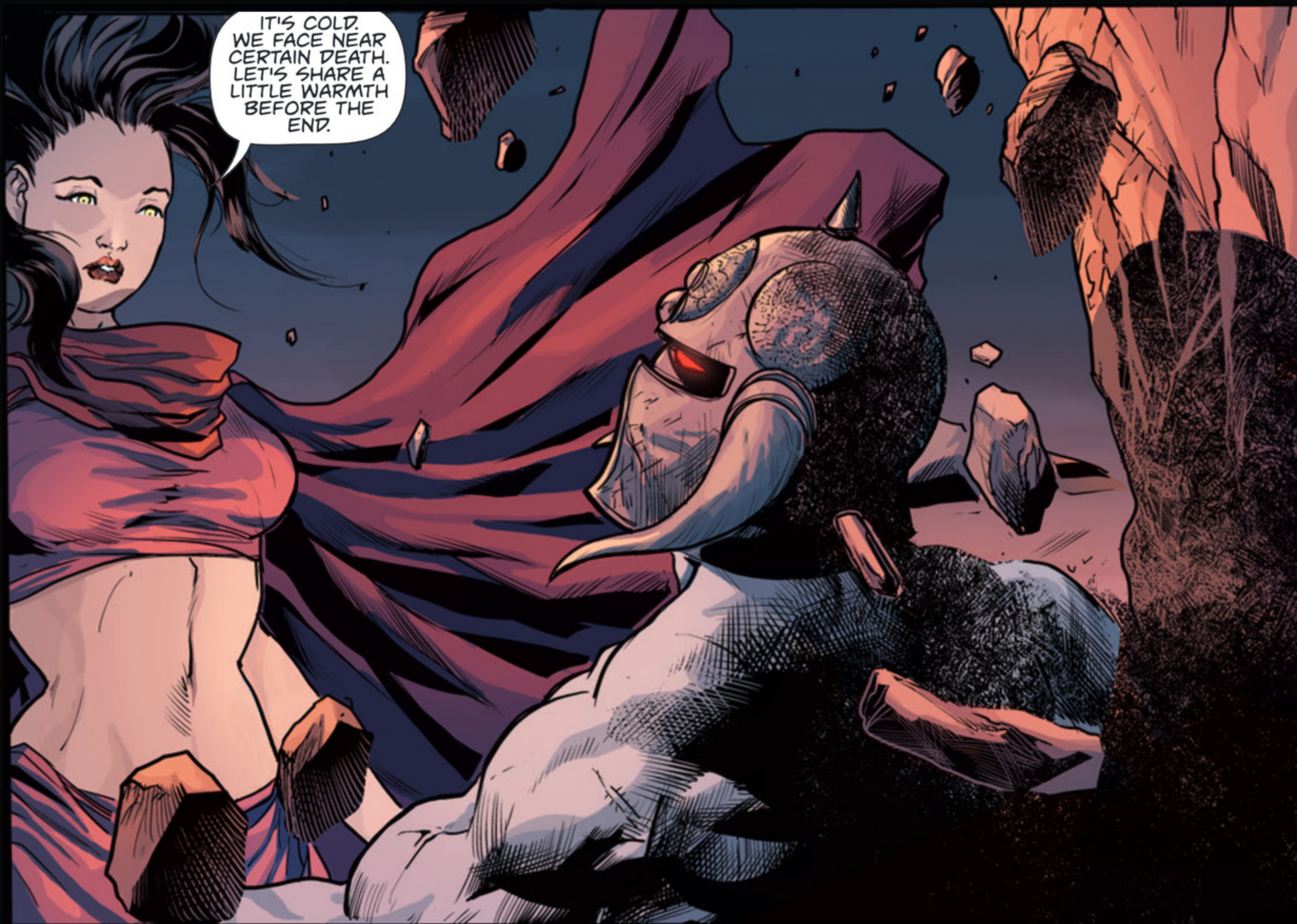


IF I
SAY YES,
WILL YOU
DO IT?

YES.

THEN I
CAN AND WILL.
BUT I CAN'T DO
IT WITHOUT
KILLING YOU.

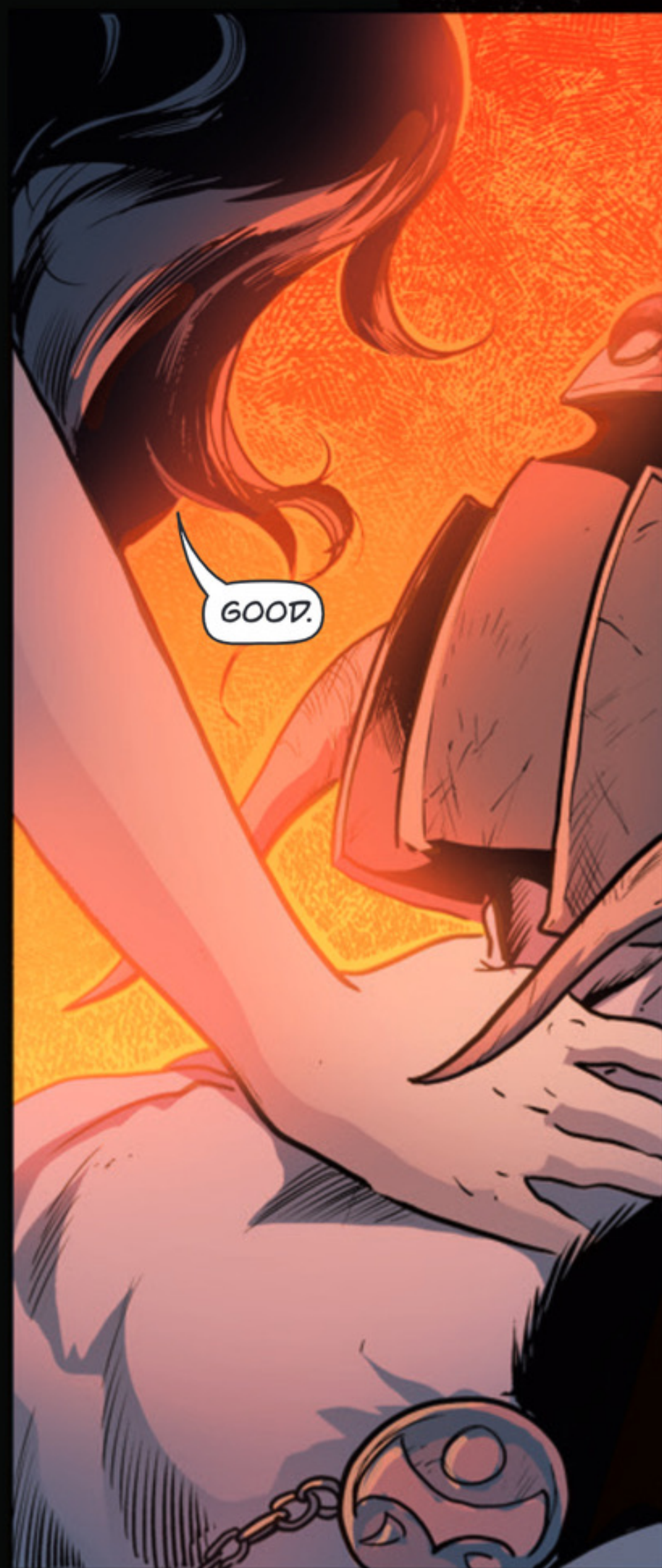
GOOD.



IT'S COLD.
WE FACE NEAR
CERTAIN DEATH.
LET'S SHARE A
LITTLE WARMTH
BEFORE THE
END.



I'LL
FUCK YOU.
BUT THERE
WILL BE NO
WARMTH
TO IT.



GOOD.

LATER...

THAT WAS FUN.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY I KNOW HOW TO SHUT YOU UP.

I DO LIKE TO WATCH.

AND I MAY BE EVIL, BUT I'M NOT STUPID. I KNOW IF I SAY ANYTHING, IT WILL KILL THE MOOD.

WE MAKE A GOOD TEAM.

NOT FOR LONG.

DON'T SAY THAT. WHAT WE ARE TOGETHER, IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT. YOU KEEP TURNING AWAY FROM YOUR TRUE NATURE.

I'M NOT LIKE YOU.

I DIDN'T PULL YOU INTO THE VAULT WHERE WE MET. I DIDN'T MURDER HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TO WIELD THE MOST CATACLYSMIC WEAPON IN THE REALMS.

YOU DID.

I DIDN'T BETRAY MY OWN BR--

ENOUGH.





I DIDN'T
KNOW THE
COST.

BECAUSE YOU
DIDN'T CARE. YOU
DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS
ANY PRICE TOO HIGH
FOR POWER.

NOW I
KNOW
BETTER.

DO YOU? I
THINK THE OTHER
PART OF YOU IS
STILL ALIVE AND
WELL IN THERE.

THAT'S
WHY WE'RE
HERE.

I'M
NOT GOING
TO DESTROY
THE WORLD.

I DON'T
WANT TO END
THE WORLD. I
WANT TO
CONTROL IT.

TOGETHER, WE
CAN. THE ONLY
THINGS STANDING IN
OUR WAY ARE HER
AND PESTILENCE.

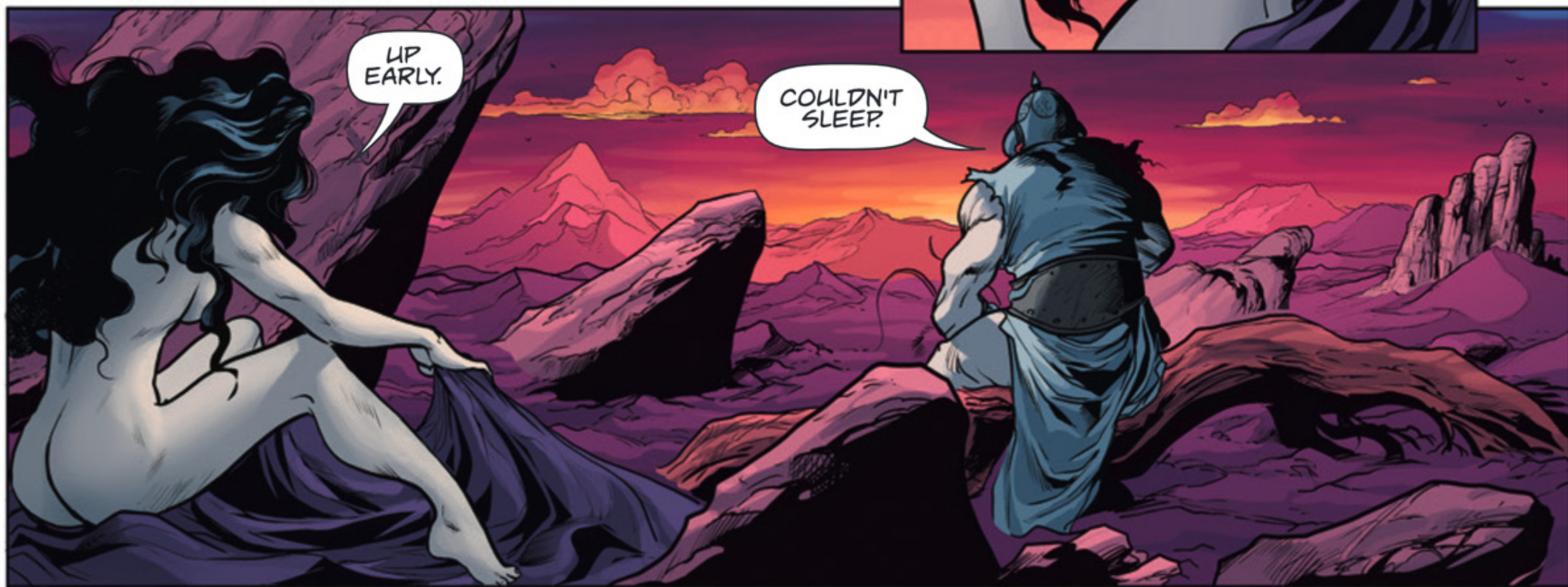
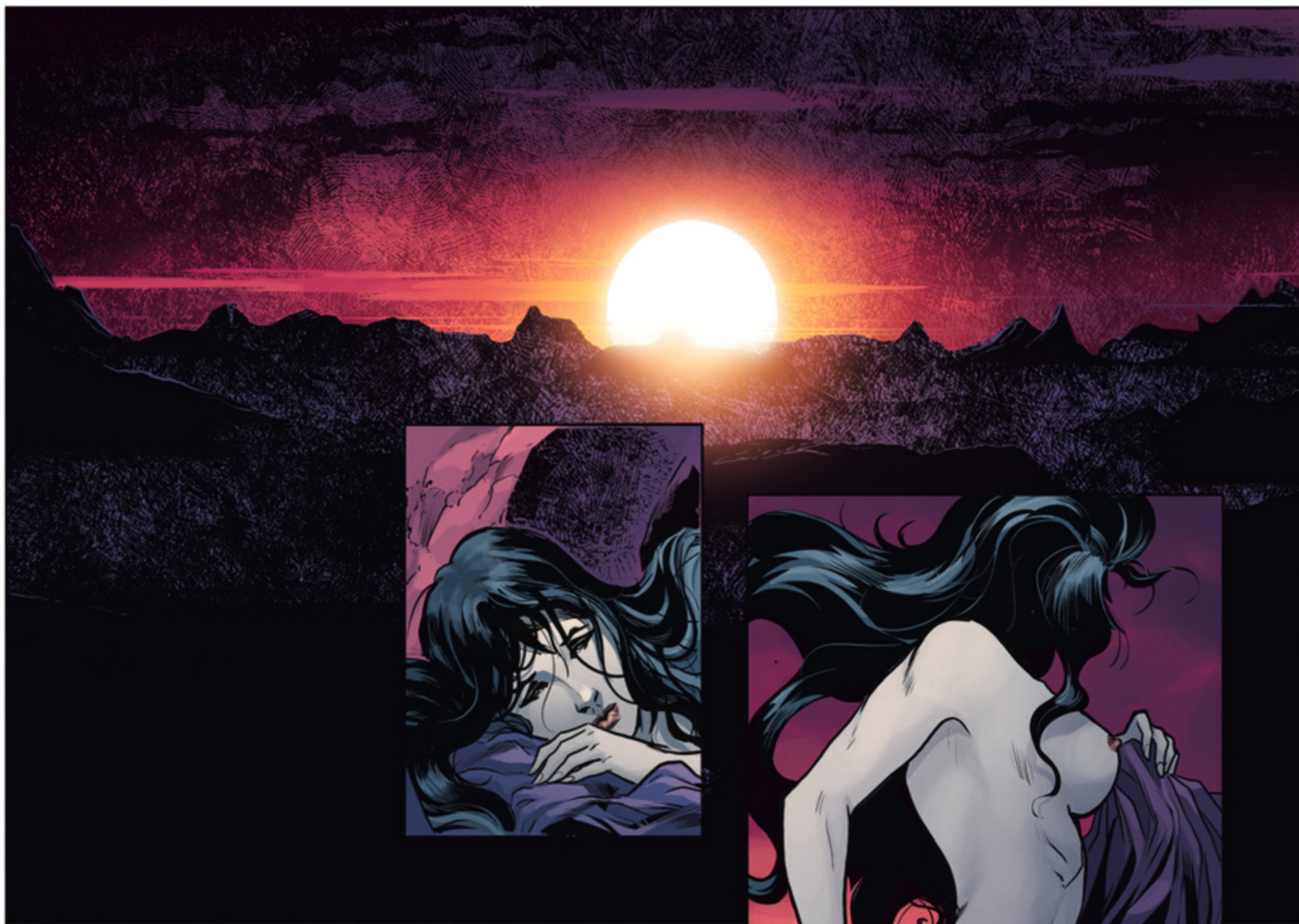
SAVING THE
WOMAN AND
THE CHILD ARE
ALL I CARE
ABOUT.

YOU CAN
SAVE THEM
BOTH AND LIVE
LIKE A GOD.

A GOD THAT
RULES OVER
DESOLATION.

A GOD THAT
CAN REMAKE
THE WORLD HOW
HE SEES FIT.

THINK ON IT.
YOU WILL FACE A
CHOICE SOON. IS THE
WORLD OURS OR
THEIRS?





A FOX
PELT. WHY
ARE
YOU...?



FOR THE
BABY, MESH. IF
HE GETS COLD
AFTER WE
RESCUE HIM.



I SEE.
YOU REALLY
CARE ABOUT
THIS CHILD.

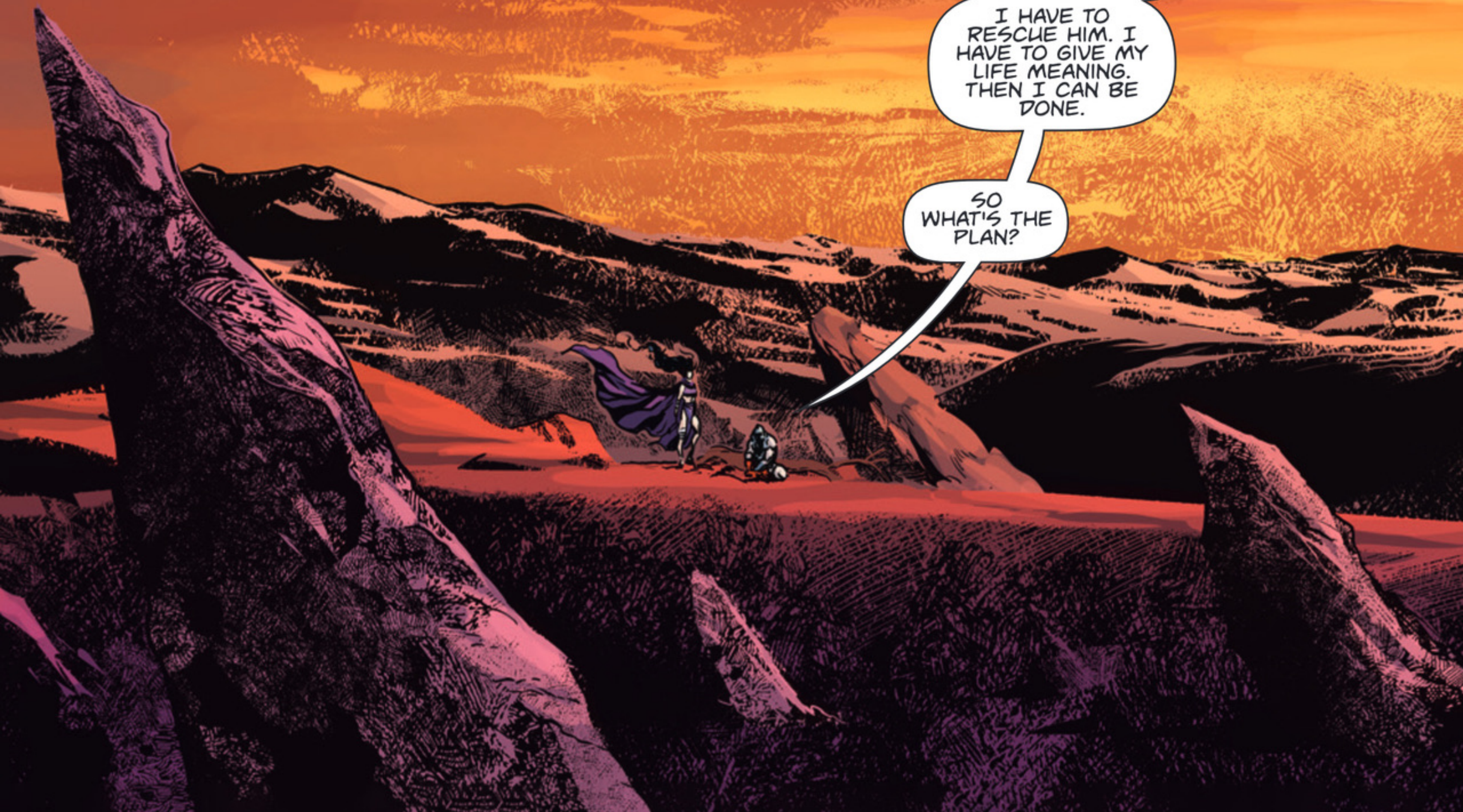
I'D GIVEN
UP. I WAS GOING
TO BURY MYSELF
IN THAT CAVE AND
SEAL US IN
THERE TO DIE.

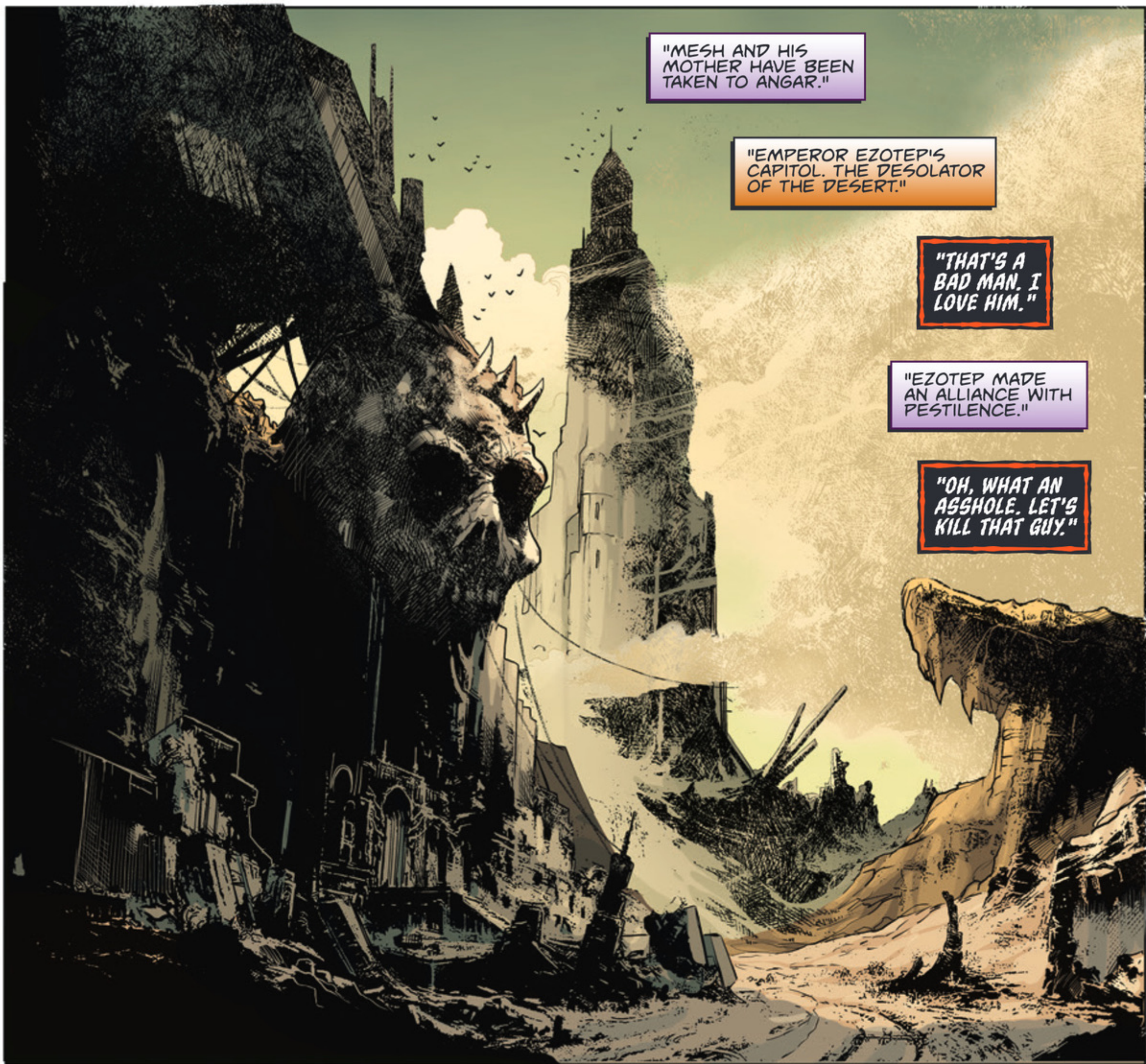
WELL, I
KNOW IT CAN'T
DIE, BUT WE COULD
SPEND ETERNITY
THERE PREVENTING
THE SPREAD OF
HIS EVIL.

AND THEN
MESH CAME
ALONG. HIS SMILE
BROKE SOMETHING
INSIDE OF ME. INFECTED
ME WITH HOPE. I
WANTED TO SHUT MY
HEART OFF TO THAT
FEELING, BUT I
COULDN'T.

I HAVE TO
RESCUE HIM. I
HAVE TO GIVE MY
LIFE MEANING.
THEN I CAN BE
DONE.

SO
WHAT'S THE
PLAN?





"MESH AND HIS MOTHER HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ANGAR."

"EMPEROR EZOTEP'S CAPITOL. THE DESOLATOR OF THE DESERT."

"THAT'S A BAD MAN. I LOVE HIM."

"EZOTEP MADE AN ALLIANCE WITH PESTILENCE."

"OH, WHAT AN ASSHOLE. LET'S KILL THAT GUY."



"ANGAR IS HEAVILY FORTIFIED. TEN THOUSAND WELL-FED, WELL-TRAINED SOLDIERS PATROL IT. THE INNER SANCTUM IS GUARDED BY 2,000 BLOOD MANIACS."

"LOVE THOSE GUYS."

"HOW DO YOU KNOW THEM?"

"A LEGACY OF MY TEACHINGS TO MANKIND: HOW TO REAR MURDEROUS MONSTERS."

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO HUMANITY."

"ANYWAY, EZOTEP'S FORCES WERE BUILT FOR WAR, PREPARED TO TAKE OVER OTHER KINGDOMS."

"PESTILENCE PICKED WELL FOR AN EMPIRE TO INFECT. IF HE COMPLETES HIS PLANS, ILLNESS AND DEATH WILL SPREAD OVER THE WORLD."



"HUNDREDS OF MAGES STOKED THE CITY-STATE'S MAGICAL OASIS, WHICH CREATES A FORTIFYING BARRIER."



"IN ORDER TO PENETRATE IT, WE WILL NEED DAK FROM A WIZARD."

"OH... I KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT. I'M GOING TO LIKE THIS PART..."

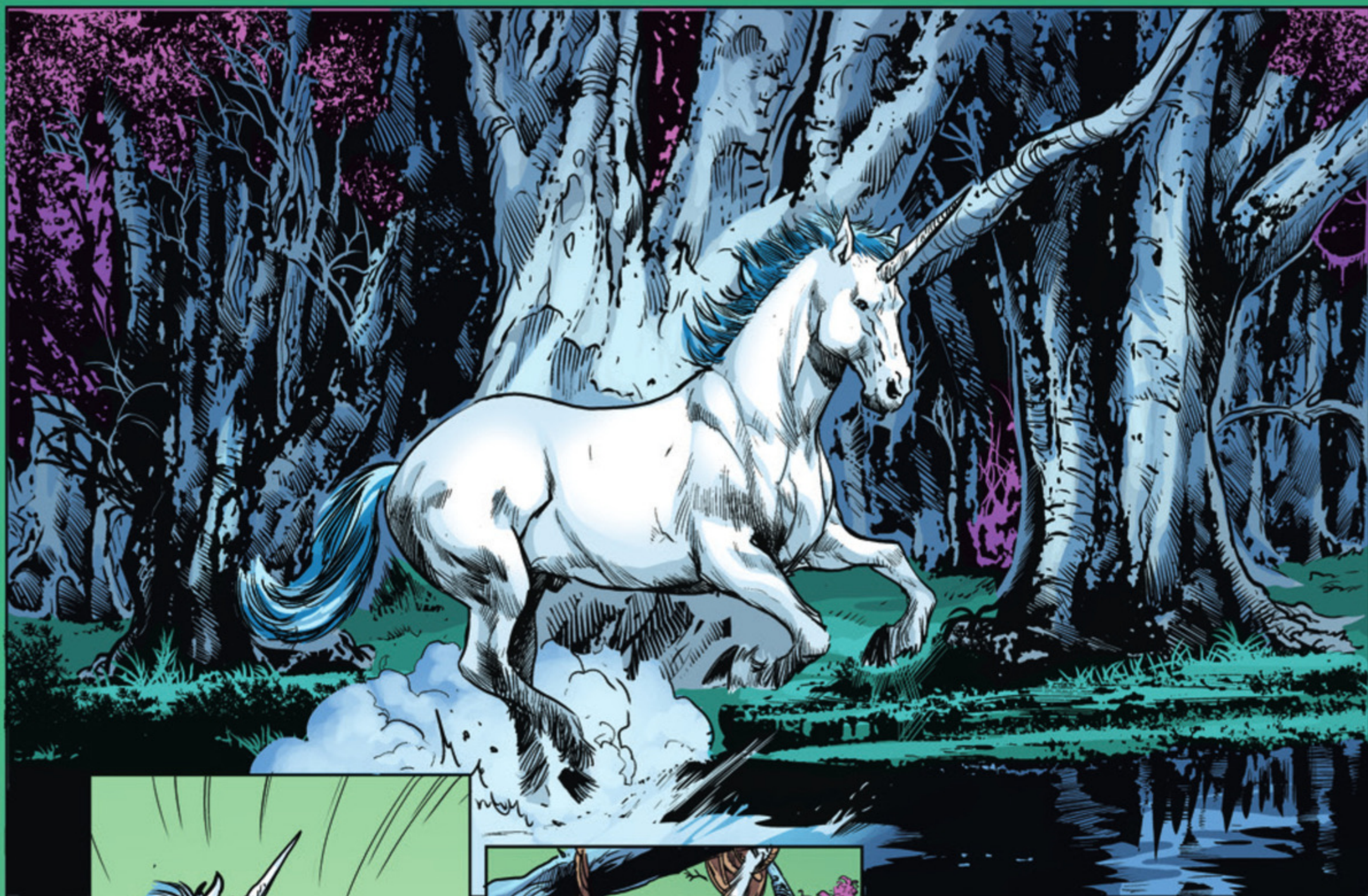


I DON'T LIKE THAT HE LIKES THIS.

NO ONE DOES.

SO, HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THIS WIZARD'S DAK?

TO CAPTURE HIS PSYCHIC ENERGY, WE FIRST NEED SOMETHING THAT CAN CONTAIN IT...



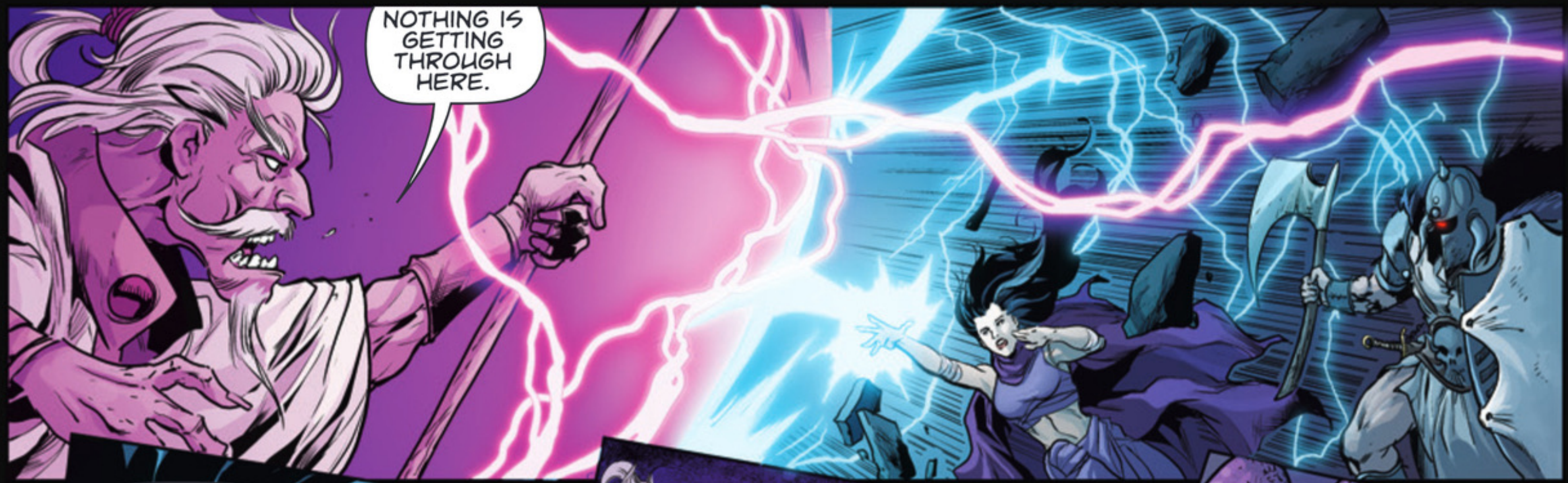


YOU THINK
YOU CAN WALK
IN HERE AND TAKE
MY DAK? I'LL KILL
YOU AND EVERY-
ONE YOU'VE EVER
KNOWN!

I LIKE THIS
GUY. LET ME
IN, AND WE'LL
FINISH HIM
OFF.

NO.





NOTHING IS GETTING THROUGH HERE.

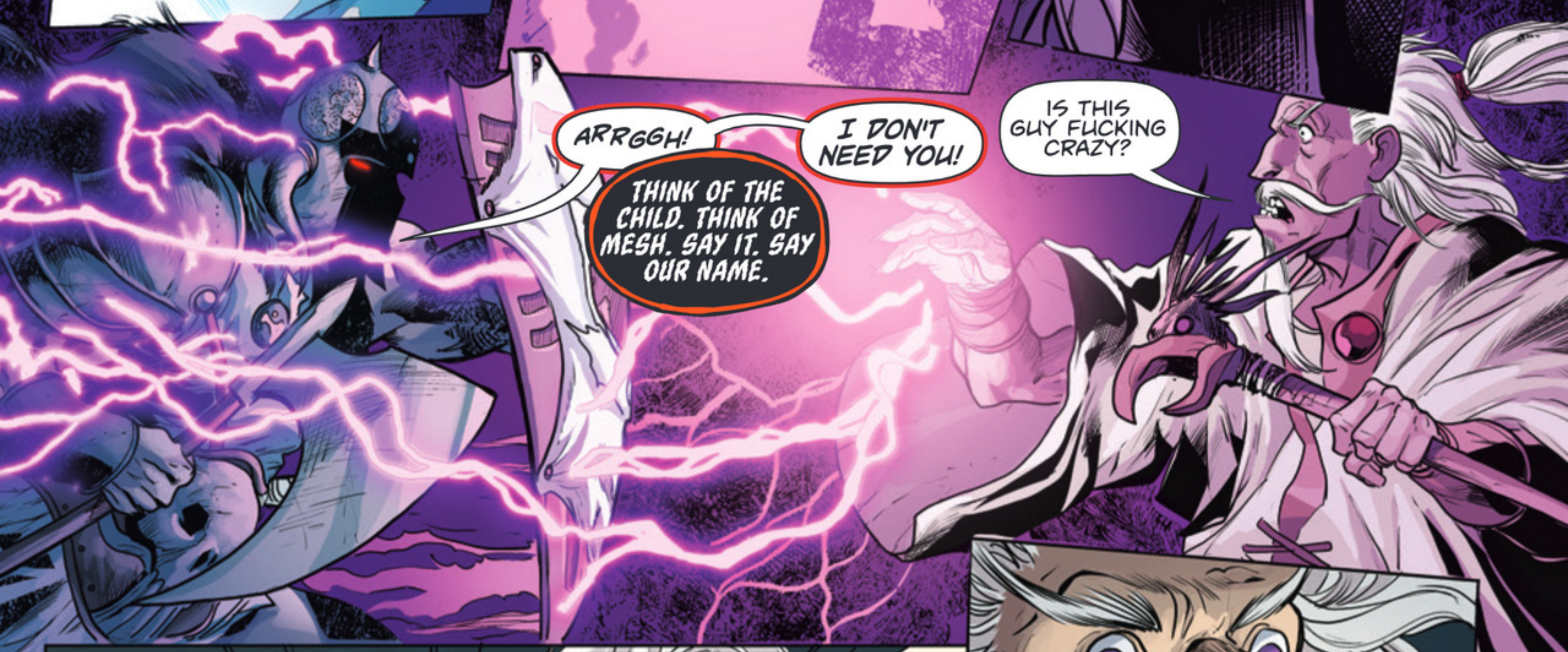


WE HAVE TO GET THROUGH HIS ARC!

I CAN DO IT!



FUCK IT.



ARRGGH!

I DON'T NEED YOU!

IS THIS GUY FUCKING CRAZY?

THINK OF THE CHILD. THINK OF MESH. SAY IT. SAY OUR NAME.



WHY...?





IF YOU'D USED ME, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.

I'M TIRED OF HIDING FROM THE PAIN NECESSARY TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

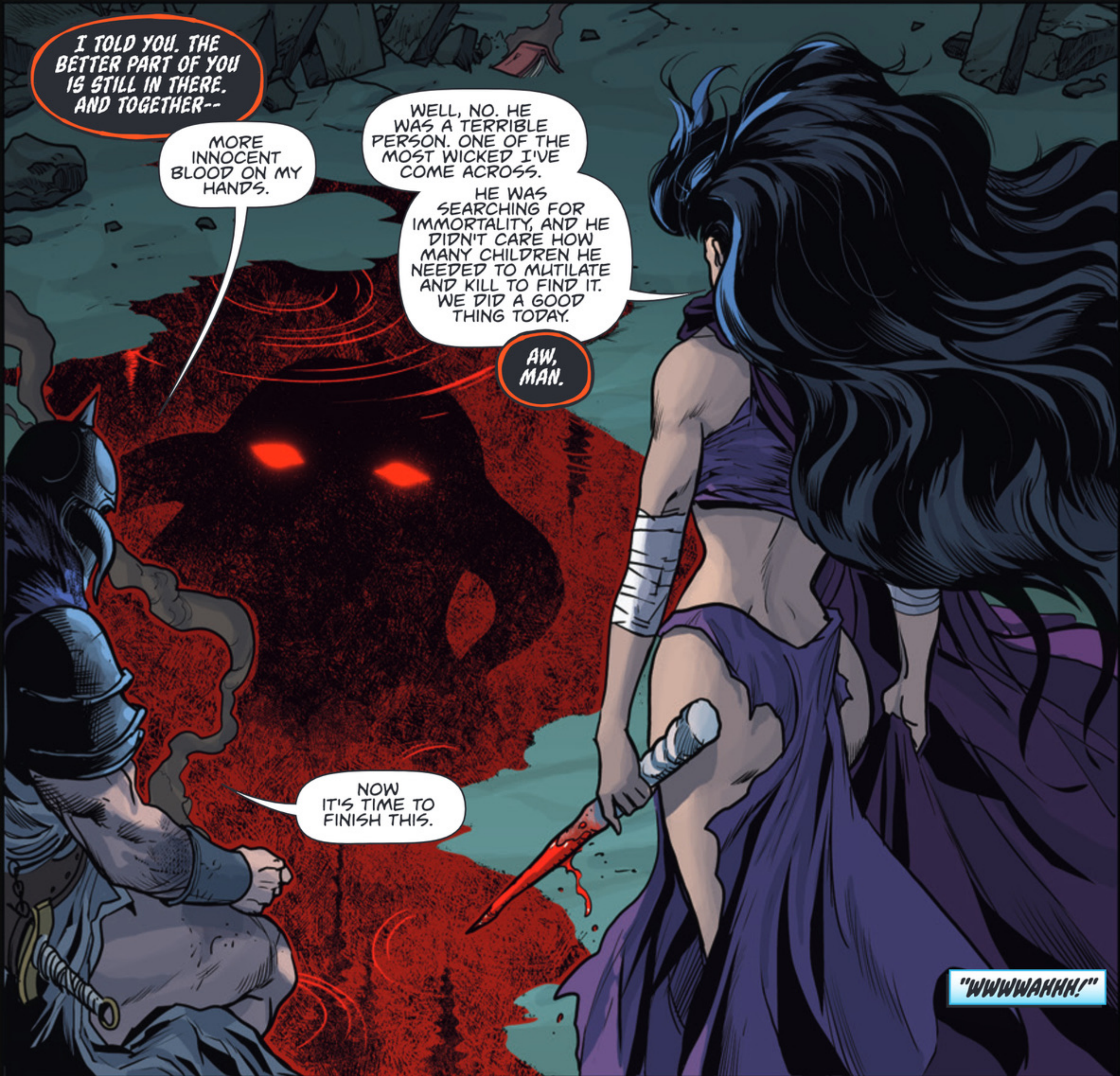


WHETHER YOU WANTED TO OR NOT, YOU HARNESSED DAK TO GET THROUGH HIS MAGIC.



WAS HE A BAD PERSON? DID WE JUST KILL SOMEONE INNOCENT?

SAME OLD KLR. KILLING FIRST, ASKING QUESTIONS LATER.



I TOLD YOU. THE BETTER PART OF YOU IS STILL IN THERE. AND TOGETHER--

MORE INNOCENT BLOOD ON MY HANDS.

WELL, NO. HE WAS A TERRIBLE PERSON. ONE OF THE MOST WICKED I'VE COME ACROSS.

HE WAS SEARCHING FOR IMMORTALITY, AND HE DIDN'T CARE HOW MANY CHILDREN HE NEEDED TO MUTILATE AND KILL TO FIND IT. WE DID A GOOD THING TODAY.

AW, MAN.

NOW IT'S TIME TO FINISH THIS.

"WWWAAHHH!"

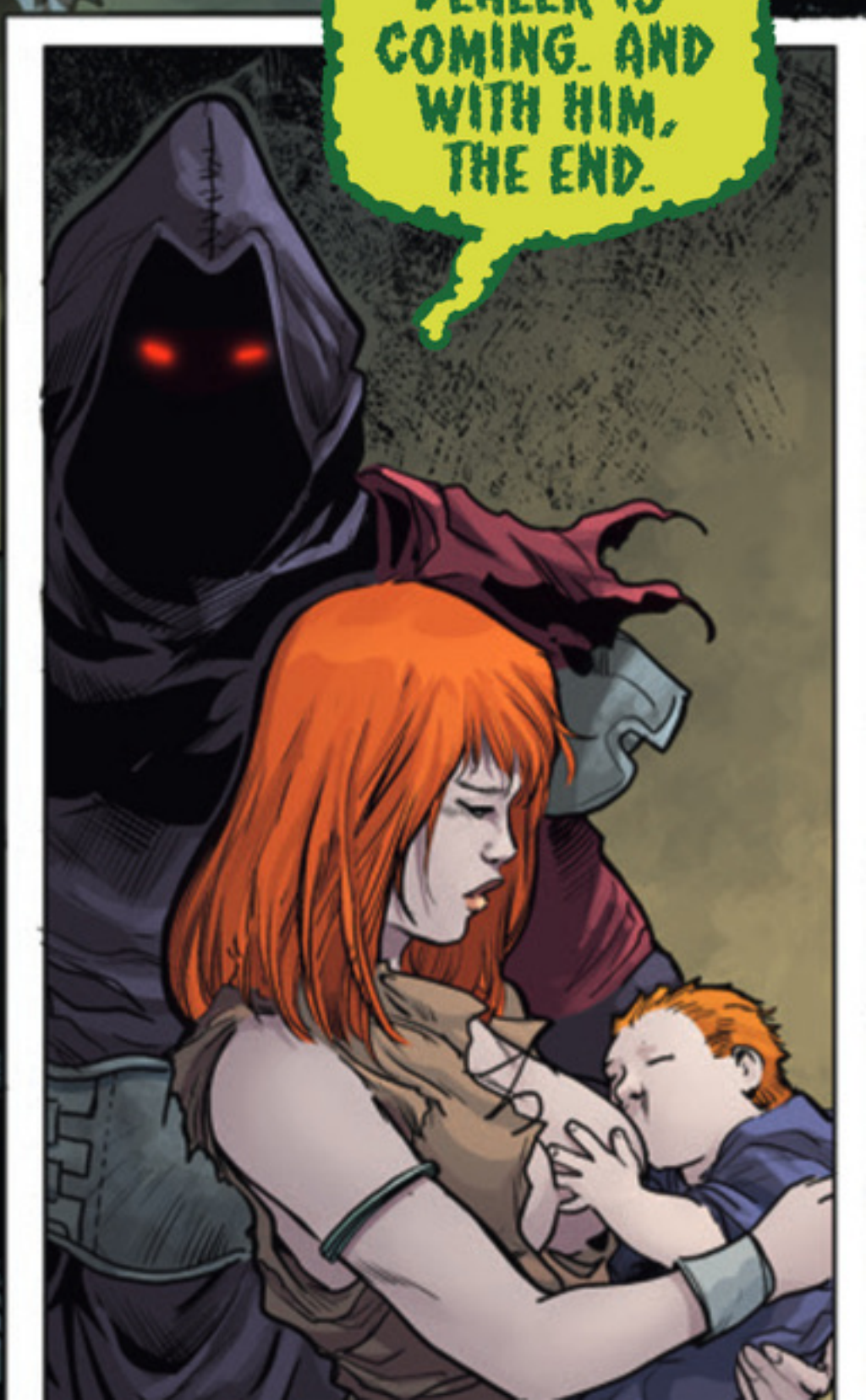


WUH-WUH-WUH
WWWAAAHHHH

GIVE HIM
THE TEAT.

WWWAAAHH

DEATH
DEALER IS
COMING. AND
WITH HIM,
THE END.

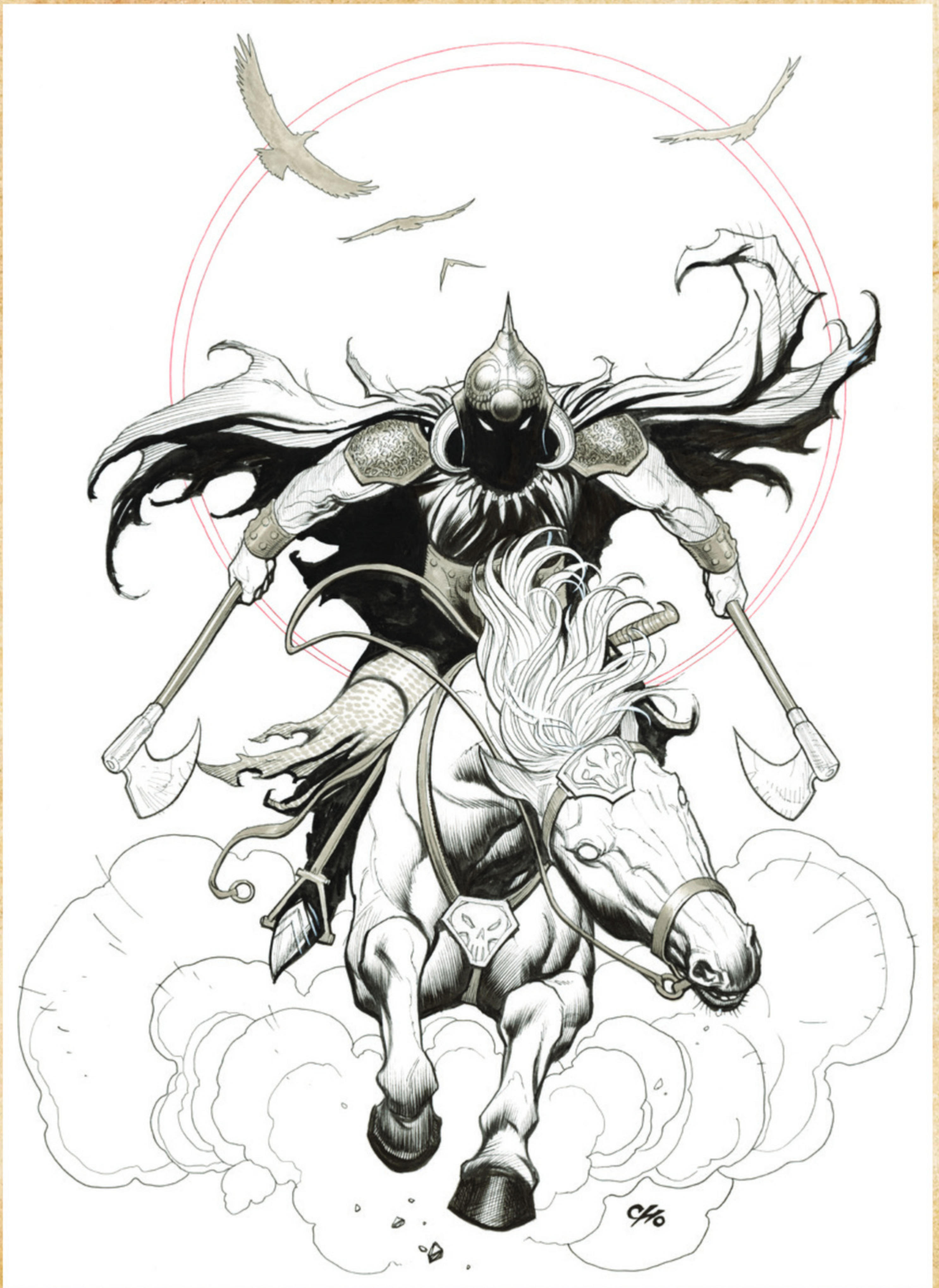


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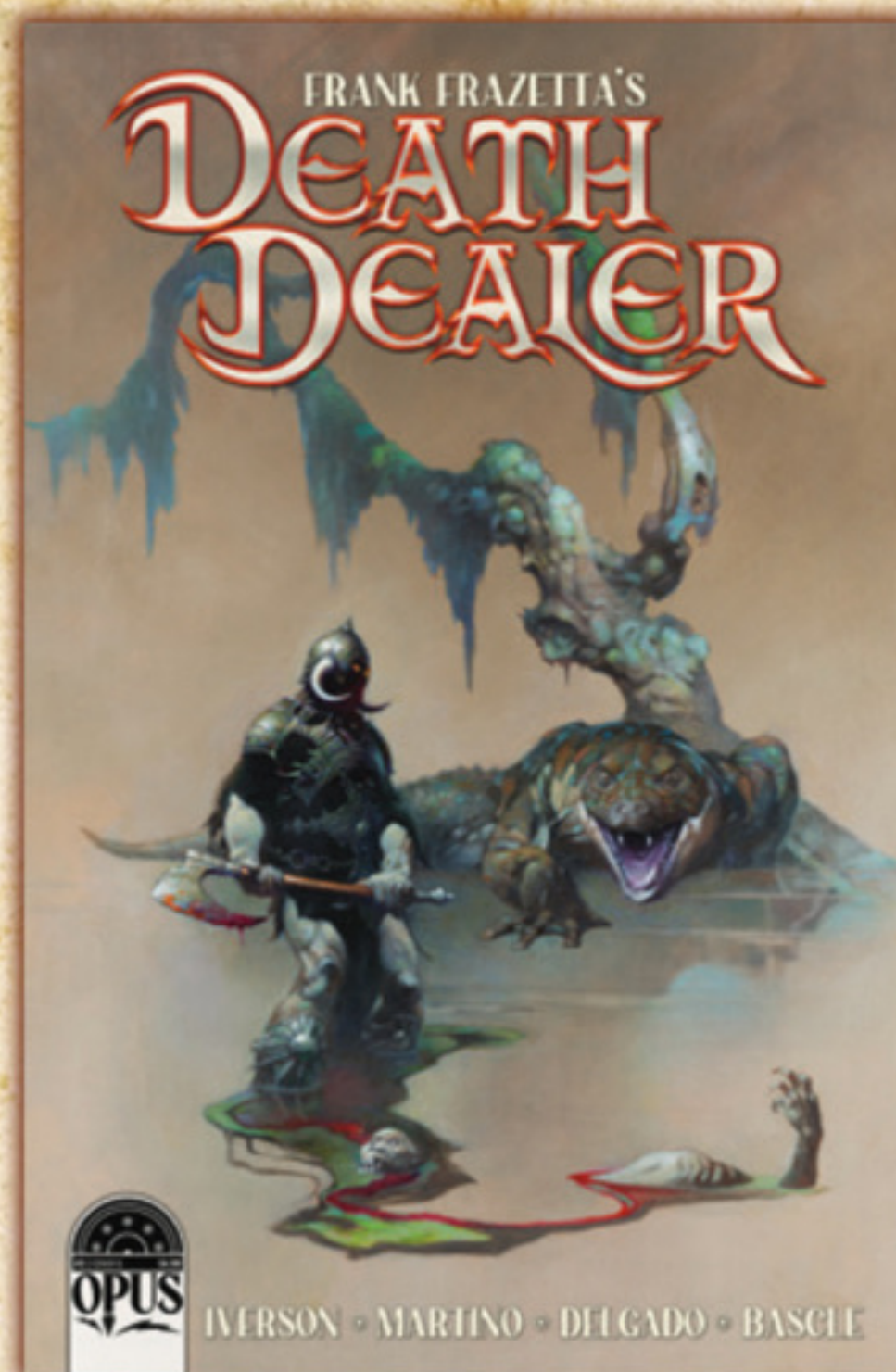


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